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ABSTRACT

To build safe and effective schools, it is important, according to this report, to understand and take seriously the dynamics of bullying behavior among school-aged children. The report examines the problem of bullying and its effects on students, discusses steps schools can take to prevent bullying, and provides suggestions for implementing a schoolwide anti-bullying program. In examining the problem, the report defines "bullying," describes the types of bullying students experience, and profiles both bullies and their victims. In the section on developing an anti-bullying program, the report includes specific action steps for school administrators, strategies for classroom teachers, and strategies for students. It also discusses the importance of parental involvement in establishing an anti-bullying program. The report concludes that through carefully designed programs, educators, parents, and students can work together to ensure that schools are a safe place for students. The report includes a list of selected online resources and 25 references. (WFA)

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